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SUBJ: CARCAGNO'S REMARKS ON CAA

1. SUMMARY. UPON HIS RETURN FROM CAA, CARCAGNO COMPLAINED OF THE CONFERENCE'S LACK OF DESIRE TO DEAL WITH HIS PROPOSALS AND SAID HE WOULD URGE GOA ABSTENTION FROM FUTURE CAAS. END SUMMARY.

2. ARMY CINC CARCAGNO RETURNED SUNDAY, SEPT 9, AFTER ATTENDING CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN ARMIES IN CARACAS. IN A PREPARED STATEMENT WHICH HE READ TO THE PRESS, CARCAGNO FIRST EULOGIZED LT COL DUARTE WHO WAS KILLED ON SEPT 6 WHEN THE ERP SEIZED ARMY MEDICAL HQ IN BUENOS AIRES. THIS ATTACK IRONICALLY TOOK PLACE WHILE CARCAGNO WAS EXPOUNDING HIS VIEWS ON THE CAUSES OF VIOLENCE IN CARACAS. HE THEN PRAISED THE VENEZUELAN HOSPITALITY AND THE UNDERSTANDING GAINED THROUGH PERSONAL CONTACT WITH THE OTHER ARMY HEADS.

3. SAVING HIS CRITICAL COMMENTS FOR LAST, CARCAGNO COMPLAINED OF OUTMODED MILITARY CONCEPTS DATING FROM WORLD WAR II THAT WERE STILL IN FORCE AND OF THE FACT THAT 4 YEARS HAD PASSED SINCE THE LAST CONFERENCE. CITING THE PROFOUND CHANGES IN
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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS THAT HAD OCCURRED IN RECENT YEARS,

CARCAGNO STATED THAT THE ARGENTINE ARMY HAD PROPOSED CONSIDERATION OF THESE CHANGES BUT FOUND THAT THIS OPINION WAS NOT SHARED BY MANY OTHERS.

4. CARCAGNO CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT HE IS GOING TO SUGGEST TO THE PROPER AUTHORITIES THAT ARGENTINA NOT PARTICIPATE IN FUTURE CAAS IF THE SAME RULES OF PLAY ARE KEPT. HE ALSO INDICATED THAT HE WOULD INITIATE STUDIES TO BE SUBMITTED TO GOA AUTHORITIES WHICH WOULD DEAL WITH A BETTER FORM OF COOPERATING IN THE DEFENSE OF THE CONTINENT FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF THE MILITARY.

5. COMMENT. CARCAGNO DID NOT SPELL OUT IN THIS STATEMENT EXACTLY WHAT CHANGES HE HAD PROPOSED. ONE CAN ASSUME HOWEVER THAT THEY CONCERNED THE REWRITING OF THE RIO TREATY AND PERHAPS DEALT WITH THE "ECONOMIC AGGRESSION" WHICH HE HAD MENTIONED IN EARLIER STATEMENTS.
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